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SUBJECT: ME PRESS TREATMENT

1. UNDER HEADLINE "US READY TO INTERVENE MILITARILY", FRENCH PRESS AGENCY AFP INTERPRETS PRESIDENT NIXON'S STATEMENT TO VIETNAM VETERANS TODAY AS THREAT. IN MAIN PARAGRAPH AFP DISPATCH FROM WASHINGTON SAYS PRESIDENT INDICATED US "READY TO INTERVENE TO PROTECT INDEPENDENCE AND SECURITY OF ISRAEL." ONLY FURTHER DOWN IN STORY IS PRESIDENT QUOTED AS EMPHASIZING US "PEACEMAKING" ROLE.

2. STORY HAS ALREADY PROVOKED QUERIES TO EMBASSY WHICH WE HAVE REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT.

3. UNLESS SOME CLARIFICATION AVAILABLE SOONEST FROM WASHINGTON, ALL MEDIA IN FRANCE, AND PERHAPS ELSEWHERE IN EUROPE, MAY BE GIVING MAJOR PLAY TO THIS THREATENING INTERPRETATION OF PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT.

4. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE EARLIEST POSSIBLE GUIDANCE.
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